

(g) DURATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority provided under subsection (a) to a manager of a field office shall be in effect from the date of the enactment of this Act to September 30, 1997.

(h) REPORT.—Not later than September 1, 1997, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the effectiveness of the authority provided under subsection (a) in meeting an objective specified in subsection (b). The report shall include recommendations on whether the duration of the authority as provided in subsection (g), should be extended.

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PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND NUCLEAR
WEAPONS ^{note.}
LABORATORIES.

(a) LIMITATION ON DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—(1) The Secretary of Energy, in carrying out national security programs, may delegate specific management and planning authority over matters relating to site operation of the facilities and laboratories covered by this section only to the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs. Such Assistant Secretary may redelegate such authority only to managers of area offices of the Department of Energy located at such facilities and laboratories.

(2) Nothing in this section may be construed as affecting the delegation by the Secretary of Energy of authority relating to reporting, management, and oversight of matters relating to the Department of Energy generally or safety, environment, and health at such facilities and laboratories.

(2) REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT WITH AREA OFFICES.—

The Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs, in exercising any delegated authority to oversee management of matters relating to site operation of a facility or laboratory, shall exercise such authority only after direct consultation with the manager of the area office of the Department of Energy located at the facility or laboratory.

(3) REQUIREMENT FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM AREA Reports.
OFFICES.—

The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs, shall require the head

of each area office of the Department of Energy located at each facility and laboratory covered by this section to report on matters relating to site operation other than those matters set forth in subsection (a)(2) directly to the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs, without obtaining the approval or concurrence of any other official within the Department of Energy.

(d) DEFENSE PROGRAMS REORGANIZATION PLAN AND REPORT. —

(1) The Secretary of Energy shall develop a plan to reorganize the field activities and management of the national security functions of the Department of Energy.

(2) Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the plan developed under paragraph (1). The report shall specifically identify all significant functions performed by the operations offices relating to any of the facilities and laboratories covered by this section and which of those functions could be performed —

(A) by the area offices of the Department of Energy located at the facilities and laboratories covered by this section; or

(B) by the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs.